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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 22, 2002

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001, for three months from January 22, 2002 to April 22, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$920.00, to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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